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Storage of tobacco in residential buildings:

878 Q. Mohamed Abdul Salam Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that about two years ago the then Hon'ble Minister for Public Health promised on the floor of this House that steps would be taken to prevent storage to tobacco in residential buildings; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this matter so far?

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty: "(A) Yes.
(b) The matter is under consideration ".

Mohamed Abdul Slam Sahib Bahadur: "Does the Hon. Minister realize that this matter has been under the consideration of the Government for the last two years and may I know the reasons for not arriving at a decision on this matter?"

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty: "Amendents to Schedule V of the Municipalities Act and Schedule VII of the Local Boards Act are under the consideration of the Local Administration Department."

Sri V.C. Palaniswamy Gounder: "Are the Government aware that the competent authorities have found out that it is injurious to public health if tobacco is stored up in residential buildings?"

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty: "That is the reason why these amendments are under the consideration of the Government."

Sri. V.C. Palaniswamy Gounder: "As the poor farmers cannot accord to have separate godowns to store tobacco, will the Government revise the rules and see that no steps are taken in this respect?"

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty: "It is a matter for the local authorities. It is within their power to consider whether the storage of tobacco in a particular buliding is objectionable or not."

Sri S. Nagaraja Maniagar: "May I ask, whether no consideration is given to the storage of hides and skins?"

Mr. Speaker: "The Hon. Member may put a separate question."

Sri V.C. Palaniswamy Gounder : "Sir, if it is the intention of the Government to leave the matter into the hands of the Local Bodies, why the Government are considering these amendments?"

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty: "The amendements to the Schedules will give power to local authorities to refuse licence if it is objectionable".

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The Legislative Assembly question on p 1 cf was answered in the Assembly on 14-3-49. vide the cutting above. No further action is necessary. The papers may therefore be recorded.

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